

## AGENDA



Thursday, March 10, 2011

**Health and Human Services  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 10

**Subject:** Approve negotiation and execution of amendments to and renewals of contracts with four providers of services for people with HIV or AIDS. All renewals are for 12-month terms beginning on March 1, 2011. The amendments are: Amendment No. 3 with AIDS SERVICES OF AUSTIN, INC. in an amount not to exceed \$233,605, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$724,476; Amendment No. 3 with AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY MHMR in an amount not to exceed \$53,673, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$169,164; Amendment No. 3 with THE WRIGHT HOUSE WELLNESS CENTER in an amount not to exceed \$122,762, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$375,786; and Amendment No. 2 with PROJECT TRANSITIONS, INC. in an amount not to exceed \$87,849, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$263,547.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$290,435 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD). The contract period is March 1, 2011 to February 28, 2012. Funding for the five (5) months of the contract period October 1, 2011 through February 28, 2012, is contingent on available funding in future budgets.

**Fiscal Note:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**For More Information:** Vince Cobalis, Asst. Director for Human Services, 972-5011; Mark Pepler, Manager, HIV Resources Administration, 972-5081; Charles Kemp, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023.

**Prior Council Action:** March 5, 2009 - Council approved Fiscal Year 2009 contracts with AID SERVICES OF AUSTIN, AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY MHMR, WRIGHT HOUSE and PROJECT TRANSITIONS.

The City of Austin Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) funds a broad array of health and social services for eligible individuals with human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immune deficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS), in order to maintain or improve overall health and quality of life. The City continues to provide local funding for HIV services as part of the Maintenance of Effort requirement of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009, Part A and Part C grant programs. The City general fund support for these contracts helps secure approximately \$5 million in annual federal Ryan White grant funding.

Due to changes in Ryan White grant program legislation, the impending release of new program guidance that will influence procurement of City HIV services, and delays in the completion of a comprehensive needs assessment and comprehensive plan, HHSD is requesting 12-month renewals of four existing contracts for the period March 1, 2011 to February 28, 2012. This will enable HHSD to identify HIV/AIDS service gaps, prioritize service needs and, in collaboration with other community stakeholders, make informed decisions on how to best invest City resources. A Request for Application process for City HIV services will be conducted in the fall of 2011 for new service contracts to begin on March 1, 2012.

A funding summary by agency and HIV service area, along with associated performance measures, is included in Attachment A.